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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO HONOR INDUSTRY EFFORTS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will present 2007 Earth Day Awards to eight companies or organizations for going beyond what is required by regulation to protect the environment while providing society with essential natural resources. The awards will be presented during ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Awards will be presented to Canyon Fuel Company's Skyline Mine; Canyon Fuel Company's Sufco Mine; C.W. Mining Company; Dumont Nickel, Inc.; Simplot Phosphate, LLC; Trout Unlimited; and Ansbro Petroleum Company. Two honorary Earth Day Awards will also be presented to the Sanpete and Carbon districts of the Boy Scouts of America for their participation in environmental projects.

"Each of these recipients has taken action on their own initiative to improve our environment while developing natural resources that our society requires," explained Board Chairman Douglas Johnson. "Our Earth Day Award program was created to recognize the many good things industry accomplishes and these companies are most deserving of this recognition."

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining has presented Earth Day Awards to operators since 1991. The essential requirement for receiving an award is that a company must voluntarily perform work that is not required by law. Since that time 77 mining and oil and gas companies, or individuals, have been singled out for their environmental awareness.

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will begin their formal agenda at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2005-006, Cause No. 220-06 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. for an Order Partially Vacating the Board's Orders in Cause Nos. 220-04 and 220-05 and Instead Establishing Temporary 320 Acre Drilling and Spacing Units for the Production of Gas (Including but not Limited to Coalbed Methane) from the Blackhawk Formation, Comprised of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 18, Respectively, of Township 12 South, Range 10 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah, and Authorizing the Drilling of a Horizontal Well in Each Such Unit So Established.



Request to provide second status report, obtain interim authorization to produce the Huber-State 4-16 and Huber-Jensen 1-18 wells, and vacate temporary 320-acre spacing in the E½ of Section 18 and revert back to 160-acre spacing.

2. Docket No. 2007-004, Cause No. DAR 29XXX – In the Matter of UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.’s Petition for Rulemaking to Amend the Coal Regulatory Program Rule Definition of “Intermittent Stream” at Utah Administrative Code R645-100-200.

This is a continued matter. The Board will determine whether to proceed with rulemaking pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sec. 63-46a-4 (2007) to address the change requested by the Petition.

3. Docket No. 2007-005, Cause No. M/011/0003-A – Request for Approval of Utah Department of Transportation Reclamation Contract Agreement, Beck Street Quarry, Davis County, Utah.

This is a continued matter. The Board will determine whether to approve a reclamation contract, between UDOT and the Division, as the reclamation surety.

4. Docket No. 2007-006, Cause No. 139-76 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Elizabeth B. Koch, Petitioner, to Compel Operators Forest Oil Corporation and El Paso Exploration & Production Company, Respondents, to Account For and Pay Royalties Due on Production from two wells located in Section 21, Township 2 South, Range 4 West, USM, Duchesne County, Utah.

The Board will address setting this matter for investigation and negotiation by the Division pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §40-6-9.

5. Docket No. 2007-007, Cause No. S/037/0060 – Request for Approval of Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency Self-Bonding Agreement, Spanish Valley Clay Pit, San Juan County, Utah.

The Board will consider a request for a self-bonding agreement for reclamation surety.

6. Docket No. 2007-008, Cause No. C/007/013-SR98(1)A – UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Petitioner, Request for Board Review of the Division’s January 19, 2007 Decision on the Lila Canyon Extension, Horse Canyon Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

The Board will hear a request to review a Division of Oil, Gas and Mining decision requiring additional data as part of a permit request for extension of the Horse Canyon Mine.

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